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City Announces Additional Steps to Deal with Coronavirus Crisis

**For Official Information on the Coronavirus go to:
portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus or
Coronavirus.Hartford.gov**

Mayor Luke Bronin and other top city officials have introduced new measures to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus pandemic and mitigate some of its effects.

The virus (also known as COVID-19) is continuing to spread across Connecticut, with Fairfield and New Haven Counties still reporting the most cases. As of Tuesday, 7,781 Connecticut residents had tested positive for the Coronavirus; 1,308 had been hospitalized; and 277 had died from the disease.

On Monday, the City of Hartford launched a new website devoted to providing information about the virus and ways to protect yourself and your family. The website, Coronavirus.Hartford.gov, contains directions on what residents should do if they feel sick, and referrals to resources for students, families, and businesses. It also has instructions on how to translate the information into other languages. City workers are trying to put as much of this information as possible into Spanish as well as English.

Mayor Luke Bronin also reminded residents that all non-family gatherings of over five people are currently banned to prevent the spread of the virus.

"While the vast majority of people are taking social distancing seriously, there have been too many examples of large gatherings that should not be happening. Our police and health departments are going to be doing everything they can, but if you're

concerned about gatherings or other activity that put our community at risk, please use the Hartford 311 app or call Hartford 311 to let us know," Bronin said.

In addition, because tension will remain high among many families who are remaining in their homes all day and may also be facing financial strain, the Hartford Police Department (HPD) has formed a special Domestic Violence Response Unit (DVRU) to operate during the Coronavirus crisis. Over the past week, HPD saw a 20 percent rise in domestic abuse calls.

The DVRU will consist of police officers assigned solely to respond to and investigate incidents of domestic violence throughout Hartford. Two officers will work the day shift and another two will handle the night shift. The DVRU will work in close cooperation with the HPD's domestic violence expert from Interval House, a shelter for victims of domestic violence.

Interval House's 24/7 crisis hotline is fully operational through CT Safe Connect at 888-774-2900, and it is fully bilingual. The National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 is available 24/7 in more than 200 languages, and they have a chat line which can be accessed by texting LOVEIS to 22522. There is a 24/7 hotline in English and Spanish for LGBTQ+ individuals at 212-714-114, run by the Anti-Violence Project.

CLASS IS NOW IN SESSION

How's it going? Two weeks of distance learning in Hartford

BY ANNE GOSHDIGIAN

There's an eerie silence as the city's public schools have sat vacant since late March. Not just because of the empty halls, classrooms, and playgrounds, or the familiar sight of hundreds of yellow school buses on Hartford's streets, now vanished. At this time of year, when jackets usually come off on the walks to and from school and the mood is lighter, more playful, and joking and laughter from teens is evident on streets and sidewalks, now there is...nothing. "Home schooling" is no longer a choice. It's a mandate. This is happening almost everywhere, but Hartford and other low-income urban areas face special challenges during these efforts to keep kids learning outside the confines of the classroom.

At the beginning of the month, lines

formed at several schools on three occasions where "devices"—laptop computers and Chromebooks—were distributed for students to use to access distance learning. So were take-home lunches and meals that replaced the free ones always served during the school day. Parents also received lesson packets to augment the online classes. But the devices handed out fell short of the needed number to accommodate the student population; learning began with several thousand still unable to log on to the virtual teaching. A memo sent on Monday, April 6th from Superintendent of Schools Leslie Torres-Rodriguez to the Board of Education offered this information:

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Mori's Grocery Opens on Franklin Avenue

While businesses all over the city are closing temporarily, Mori's Grocery at 463-A Franklin Avenue opened to the public for the first time last Saturday. The new store is run by the Mori family (Mili Mori is shown above) and specializes in Peruvian food items. Abraham Panduro, who runs the shop along with his mother, Mary Mori, said greater Hartford's Peruvian population needs a place where they can purchase many of the foods that are popular in their homeland and essential to their cuisine. These include the Rocoto Pepper, which resembles the common Bell Pepper but is far hotter and is one of the key ingredients in many Peruvian dishes. Mori's also sells Maize Mote, a type of corn which is a staple of the Peruvian diet. It is boiled and used in a variety of dishes, including soups and tamales and also eaten with rice. Another special product at the store is Papa Amarilla (Yellow Potatoes). Potatoes were first cultivated in Peru and the country now grows thousands of varieties. Mori's Grocery is open 9 am - 8 pm, 7 days a week. Call (860) 899-7430 for more information. (Hart photos)

Hartford...Once Upon a Time



Although this Good Friday procession from Saint Augustine's Church took place only a year ago, now it really does seem like "Hartford Once Upon A Time." It was the "good old days." Back before "social distancing." Back when religious processions and any other gatherings of over five people weren't illegal. Back when surgical masks and gloves weren't the latest fashion. Back when your own home was a haven, not a prison. Way back when, before the Coronavirus. Perhaps when the current crisis is over, we'll have gained a greater appreciation for so many of the things that we once took for granted. Like having dinner at busy restaurant. Like watching a basketball game, or a concert, or a parade. Like going to a store fully stocked with toilet paper. The Coronavirus and the efforts to contain it have and will continue to wreak havoc on our lives for weeks and maybe months to come. Let's hope we learn something from it, so that when the "good old days" do return, we'll appreciate every one of them. (Hart photo)



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BUSINESSES STILL OPEN IN HARTFORD’S SOUTH END

During the Coronavirus Crisis

This week the Hartford News is focusing on Hartford’s South End neighborhood, particularly its business community. Like businesses across the country, most restaurants and shops in the South End are struggling to survive through the current Coronavirus crisis. Please support them as much as you are able. In next week’s edition, we will re-run our West End business list along with new stories and features. After that we plan to focus on a different neighborhood each week for the duration of the health emergency.

Many essential South End businesses are continuing to serve the public during the ongoing Coronavirus crisis. **SOCIAL DISTANCING REGULATIONS MUST BE FOLLOWED** inside and outside the business. Check for signs stipulating specific regulations, such as maximum capacity. All food from restaurants must be picked up or delivered; there is **NO SIT-DOWN DINING** at any restaurant. Please remember this is a fluid situation, and information changes from day to day. Please call ahead to check the current situation of the business. **NOTE:** We have made every attempt to make this list as complete and accurate as possible. If you have different or additional information, please call The Hartford News at 860-296-6128 or email to hartfordnews@aol.com. We will post it on our Facebook page.



The Place 2 Be Assists Healthcare Workers

Ornela Minxhozi (left) and Gina Luari, owner of The Place 2 Be Restaurant on Franklin Avenue, get ready to deliver their new "Brunch Boxes" to staff at Hartford Hospital and CT Children's Medical Center on Sunday morning. The restaurant offers three Brunch Boxes: Chicken & Waffles, French Toast and Bacon and Make Your Own Pancakes, complete with several toppings. For more information, go to <http://www.place2bect.com>.(Hart photo)

Auto Repairs, Service & Supplies

Advance Auto Parts

560 Wethersfield Ave, (860) 947-3020
M-Sat 7:30am-7pm, Sun 8am-6pm

Airtight Tint

946 Maple Ave, (860) 280-7913. Call for an appointment.

AutoZone Auto Parts

545 Wethersfield Ave, (860) 296-2166
Mon-Sat 7:15am-7:30pm, Sun 8am-7:30pm

Cesar’s Foreign Car

910 Wethersfield Ave, (860) 727-9512, M-Sat 8am-4/5pm

Corona’s Auto Parts, Towing & AutoBody

608 Wethersfield Ave, (860) 296-2528. M-F 8am-5pm, Sat 8-12

Eastern Transmission

631 Wethersfield Ave, (860) 296-9545
M-F 8-3:00

Express Hand Car Wash

156 Franklin Ave, (860) 461-1674. Open Mon-Sat, 8 am - 8 pm, Sun. 8 am - 6 pm

Flander’s Brake & Alignment

511 Franklin Ave, (860) 296-3980. Call for appointment, open Mon-Fri, 8:30 am - 5 pm.

Franklin Motors Auto Sales

173 Franklin Ave, (860) 296-2311. Mon -

Fri, 9 am - 6 pm, Sat, 9 am - 5 pm

Lex Autos

608 Franklin Ave, (860) 206-8550. Limited operations at this time. Check website for updates: LexAutos.com.

Mecca Auto Sales & Repairs

585 Franklin Ave, (860) 216-9965. Temporarily closed.

Mr Sparkle Car Wash

921 Wethersfield Ave, (860) 296-6903
8am - 4:45pm daily

NAPA Auto Parts

722 Wethersfield Ave, (860) 296-5070. M-F 7:30am-6pm, Sat 8-4, Sun 9-3

Payless Auto Glass

521 Wethersfield Ave, (860) 296-0297. M-F 8:30am-5pm, Sat 9am-1pm

Reliable Auto Tire

711 Maple Ave, (860) 247-7977, Auto repairs and tires repairs and sales. Mon - Fri:7:00 am - 4 pm

Reno’s Auto Body & Repair

525 Franklin Ave, (860) 296-7030. Call ahead of time to set up appointment. Only employees allowed in building.

Ric’s Automotive

822 Maple Ave. (860) 956-7427. Mon-Sat, 7 am - 4 pm, Sun, 9 am - 3 pm.

Rondinone’s Auto & Truck Center

455 Wethersfield Ave, (860) 296-3377, M-F 8am-5pm

Soto’s Auto Repair

606 Franklin Ave, (860) 904-6520. Call for appointment.

South Green Automotive

880 Wethersfield Ave, (860) 296-2616. M - F 8am- 3:30 Sat 8-12pm

Southend Auto World

70 Brown St, (860) 904-2968. Mon-Fri, 8 am - 5 pm. Sat. 9 am - 5 pm.

Star Tires Plus Wheels

888 Wethersfield Ave, (860) 296-9799. Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 9am-4pm

Valvoline Instant Oil Change

868 Maple Ave, (860) 956-7428. M-F 9am-6pm, Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 9am-3pm

Banks & Financial Services

Bank of America

790 Maple Ave, (860) 251-7233. Drive-thru and ATM only. M-F 10am-4pm, Sat, 9am-12 noon.

Cencap Federal Credit Union

443 Franklin Ave, (860) 722-8110. Drive thru only. Mon - Wed, 8 am - 4 pm, Thu & Fri, 8 am - 6 pm, Sat, 8 am - 2 pm.

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

645 Maple Ave, (800) 275-8777. Open M-F 9am-5pm, Sat 9am-1:30pm

Expresso Latino Money Tranfers

293 Franklin Ave, (860) 296-3500. Mon-Fri, 9 am - 6 pm, Sat. 9 am - 5 pm.

Franklin Trust Federal Credit Union

632 Franklin Ave, (860) 296-4379. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9 am - 4:30 pm in person by appointment and drive-thru. Monday, Thursday and Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 PM expanded drive-thru hours Wednesday 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

Hartford Firefighters Federal Credit Union

776 Maple Ave, (860) 246-5236. M-F 8am-4pm

H&R Block

651 Maple Ave, (860) 548-0523. All tax returns being filed remotely. Call for information.

Liberty Tax

332 Franklin Ave, (860) 706-8912. Go to libertytax.com to make an appointment.

Multi Services International

539 Franklin Avenue, (860) 548-0000. Tax preparation, notary public, translations, business licensing, consultations, money wire transfers. Taking appointments. Call 11 am - 3 pm, Weds & Fri.

People’s United Bank

290 Franklin Ave, (860) 296-6573. Drive-thru and ATM only. Mon-Fri, 9 am - 2 pm, Sat. 9 am - 12 pm. If you need to speak to a bank representaive in person, call to make an appointment.

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During the Coronavirus Crisis

- Salons & Barber Shops

The South End is home to dozens of beauty salons, barber shops and nail care salons. To help reduce the spread of the Coronavirus, the State of Connecticut has ordered these businesses to close for the duration of the health emergency. Some hair stylists, barbers and nail care technicians are offering private appointments over the next few weeks. Please call for more information.
- Santander Bank

568 Franklin Ave, (860) 947-3103. *Mon-Fri, 9 am - 4 pm, Sat, 9 am - 1 pm. Drive-thru and ATM only.*
- Sunrise Accounting

2035 Broad St, (860) 293-1103. *Phone appointments only. Call Mon-Fri, 9 am - 4:30 pm.*
- TD Bank

2035 Broad St, (860) 956-8709. *Drive-thru and ATM only. Mon-Fri, 9:30 am - 4 pm; Sat. 9:30 am - 1 pm. First hours set aside for seniors and those most at risk of contracting COVID-19, based on CDC guidelines.*
- United Check Cashing

452 Franklin Ave, (860) 296-8200. *Mon-Fri, 9 am - 5 pm. Only 5 people in store at once.*
- Webster Bank

324 Franklin Ave, (860) 692-1500. *Drive-thru and ATM only. Mon-Fri, 9 am - 3 pm, Sat. 10 am - 2 pm. For information, call Customer Care Center 800-325-2424.*
- Groceries & Convenience Stores
- Barranquitas Bakery

227 Franklin Ave, (860) 560-7611. *Temporarily closed.*
- Bosna Market

547 Franklin Ave, (860) 296-7923. *Specializing in Bosnian foods. Open 7 days, 8 am - 9 pm.*
- Brandon Mini Mart

561 Maple Ave, (860) 566-1005.
- Bravo Supermarkets

685 Maple Ave, (860) 293-1354. *Open 7 days, 7:30am - 6:30pm*
- Clari Grocery

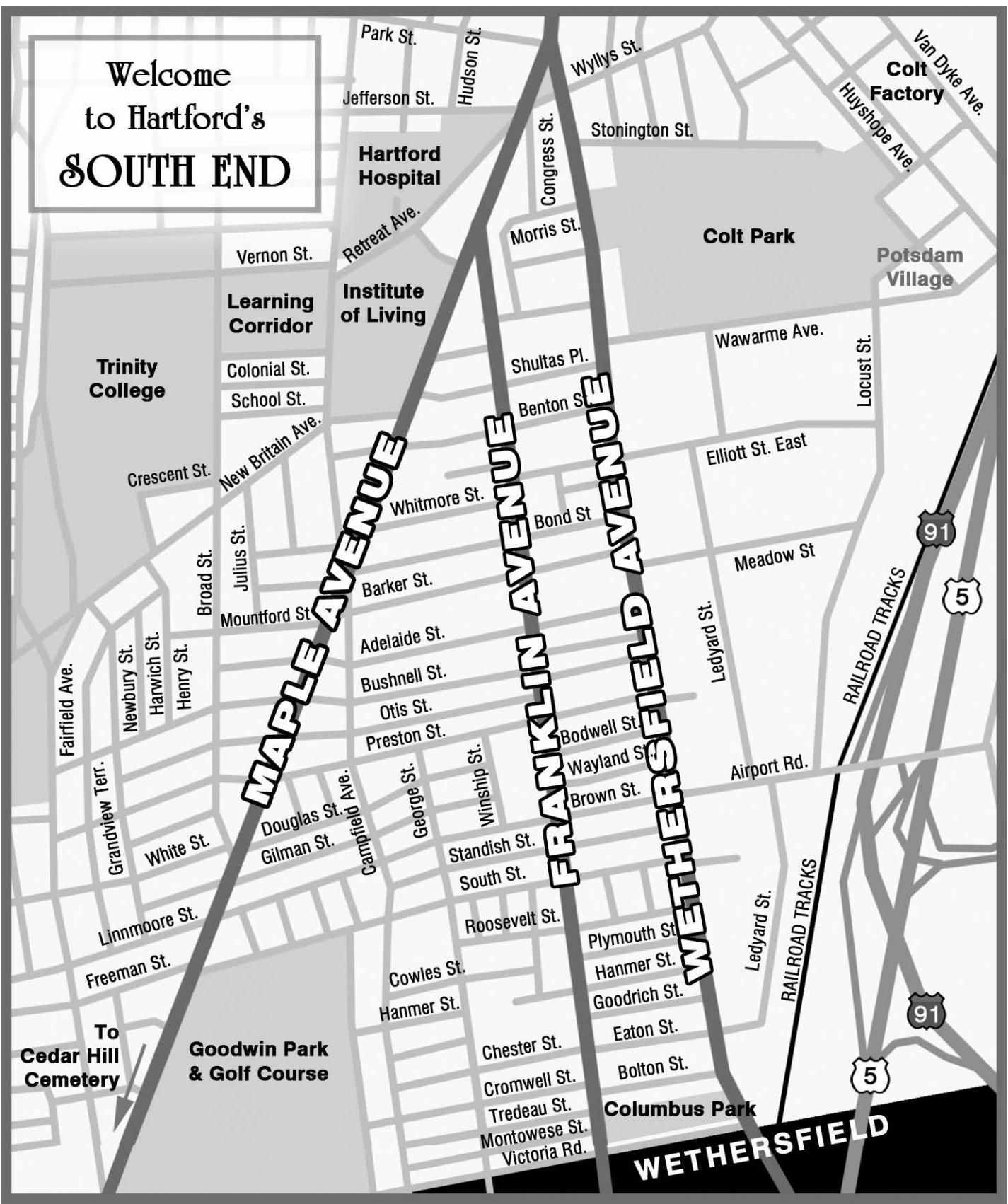
584 Franklin Ave, *Open 7 days, 8 am-10 pm*
- CTown Supermarkets

165 Wethersfield Ave, (860) 247-4411. *Open Mon - Sat, 8 am-8 pm, Sun, 8 am-6 pm.*
- DB Mart

894 Maple Ave, (860) 986-7105. *Open 7 days, 6 am - 11 pm.*
- Dollar General

649 Wethersfield Ave, (860) 352-0793 *Open 7 days, 8 am-9 pm*
- Dibacco’s Market

553 Franklin Ave, (860) 296-7365. *Specializing in Italian foods, take-out lunches. Open Saturdays only, 9 am - 2 pm.*



- El Patio Grocery & Deli

152 Franklin Ave, (860) 246-2046. *Groceries, hot prepared meals. Mon-Sat, 7 am - 10 pm, Sun, 8 am - 8 pm*
- Europas Tasty treats

623 Franklin Ave, (860) 553-4106. *Specializing in Bosnian & European groceries. Open 7 days, 8 am - 8 pm.*
- Family Dollar

435 Franklin Ave, (860) 296-7524. *Open 7 days, 8 am - 10 pm.*
- Last Stop Market

427 Wethersfield Ave, (860) 296-7721 *M-Sat 8am-10pm, Sun 9-11am*
- Los Nietecitos Grocery

393 Franklin Ave, (860) 461-7151. *Open Mon - Sat, 11 am - 7 pm. Closed Sunday.*
- Los Primos Groceries

452 Franklin Ave, (860) 461-1016. *Open 7*
- days, 8 am - 8 pm. Only 2 people in store at one time.
- Maple Mini Market

455 Maple Ave, #A, (860) 524-5373. *Open 7 days, 8 am - 8pm.*
- Mini Mart

736 Maple Ave, (860) 524-5373. *Open 7 days, 7 am - 11 pm.*
- Martinez Mini Market

110 South St, (860) 296-6529. *Open 7 days, Mon - Sat, 8 am - 10 pm, Sun, 9 am - 9 pm.*
- Mike’s West Indian

451 Wethersfield Ave, 860-296-0103. *Wed Closed, M,T,Th,F,Sat 9-6, Sun 10-4.*
- Mori’s Grocery

463-A Franklin Ave, (860) 899-7430. *Peruvian products. Open 7 days, 9 am - 8 pm.*
- Mozzicato-DePasquale Bakery

329 Franklin Ave, (860) 296-0426. *Bread,*
- cakes, pastry and more. Bakery open 7 days for take-out, 7 am - 8 pm. Mozzicato Cafe closed.
- Pan Del Sinai Bakery

301 Franklin Ave, (860) 296-0620. *Open Mon-Sat, 6 am - 4 pm, Sun, 7 am - 2 pm. Only 5 people in store at once.*

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Professional Services

There are several doctors, lawyers, carpenters, electricians and other professionals with offices in Hartford South End. Due to space limitations, we have not been able to include them on this list. But many are still taking appointments or doing them over the phone. Please call or email to set up an appointment or for more information.



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Padula Produce: A South End Treasure

BY ANDY HART

Thank God the trendy foodies haven't discovered Padula's Produce. They'd certainly love it for a few days and brag to their friends about their new discovery, but then they'd start trying to change it.

Because Padula's is many things, but trendy it is not. Located in a time warp at 507 Franklin Avenue, the store embraces a no-frills approach to keep prices down, way down.

The floor is bare concrete. The display cases aren't designed for maximum consumer impact by a sophisticated marketing firm, they're simply the boxes that the produce came off the truck in. Whereas the current trend at upscale specialty markets is provide virtual biographies for each item, Padula's relies on hand-written price tags without even the name of the item on them.

But the store's customers know what they're looking for and the prices are so low they don't have to be written in a fancy type face to attract attention. Bell peppers of virtually any color are usually just \$1.49 a pound, sometimes only 99 cents. A big bag of baby spinach the size of a pillow case goes for just \$4.99.

Although the store's founder, Tony Padula, is Italian by birth, its customer base is almost diverse enough to constitute a virtual quorum at the United Nations.

On a typical Sunday morning you'll find



U.S. Congressman John Larson takes a pause from shopping at Padula Produce to pose with the store's founder, Tony Padula. (Hartford News file photo)

the store filled with older Bosnian women in long dresses and head scarves, Polish couples coming home from church in their Sunday best, Africans in brilliantly colored Kente fabrics, Italians from the suburbs coming back to "the old neighborhood" in their designer sunglasses, Indians in long saris and Chinese, and Dominicans, and Jamaicans, and Nepalese, and Portuguese, and Puerto Ricans on and on. Most buy for themselves and their families, others for their shops and restaurants.

One can only imagine the many different soups, stews, salads and other dishes that are created from the produce at Padula's, but if they were all put in a cookbook, it would easily run over 1,000 delicious pages.

Although it's temporarily closed due to the current health emergency, Padula Produce will re-open eventually, if demand is any indication.

Businesses Still Open In Hartford's South End During The Coronavirus Crisis (continued)

Gasoline Stations

Citgo/Food Land

831 Maple Ave (860) 956-4161. *Open 7 days, 6 am - 12 am.*

City Gas

10 White St, (860) 967-0293. *Open 7 days, 10 am - 8 pm.*

Gulf Gas Station

611 Maple Ave, (860) 422-7923. *Open 24 hours, 7 days a week.*

Gulf Gas Station

675 Wethersfield Ave, (860) 296-7919. *Open 7 days, 6:30-10pm.*

Ravi Gas - Smokers

Discount World

848 Maple Ave, 860-956-4161. *Open 7 days, 7 am - 7 pm.*

Select Food Mart

181 Franklin Ave, (860) 296-1334. *Open 7 days, 6 am - 11 pm. Only 4 customers in store at once.*

Sunoco

675 Wethersfield Ave, (860) 296-2941. *Open 7 days, 24 hours.*

Valero Gas

867 Wethersfield Ave, (860) 296-1060. *Open 7 days, 6am to 12am*

Laundries

Family Laundromat

458 Franklin Ave, (860) 280-7216. *Call for pick-up & delivery. Coin-op service temporarily closed.*

Maple Laundromat

901 Maple Ave, (860) 956-6917. *Open 7 days, 9 am - 6 pm (last wash at 4:30 pm)*

Super Clean Laundromat

716 Maple Ave, 860-727-8858. *7:00am - 9:00pm daily. Open 7 days, 7 am - 9 pm (last wash at 7:30 pm). Customers are asked to exit the building while their laundry is being washed and dried, and to take their laundry home to fold.*

TOP KAT Super Laundromat

763 Wethersfield Ave, (860) 216-1265. *Mon-Fri 7am-10:30m, Sat -Sun 6am-10:30pm.*

Liquor Stores

Club Discount Liquors

554 Wethersfield Ave. (860) 882-1346. *M-Th 8am- 9pm, Sat 8am-10pm, Sun 10am-6pm.*

D'Aprile Package Store

288 Franklin Ave, (860) 296-3663. *Open Mon-Wed, 9 am - 8 pm, Thu-Sat, 9 am - 9 pm, Sun, 11 am - 5 pm. No longer accepting*

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A Tale of Two Parks: Colt and Goodwin



The two major parks in Hartford’s South End, Colt (left) and Goodwin (right), each has its own distinctive character: Colt, located east of Wethersfield Avenue, is usually a beehive of activity in the warmer months. The 106-acre park has several baseball/softball diamonds, soccer fields, football fields, an outdoor pool, basketball courts, a playscape and much more. The land for the park was donated to the City of Hartford by Elizabeth Jarvis Colt. Goodwin Park, on the other hand, is a bit more relaxed and is very popular with walkers and joggers. It does have an out-

door pool, baseball diamond, basketball court and playscape, but Goodwin is dominated by its 18-hole golf course, which was recently renovated and is now one of the most popular in the area. Goodwin also has a large pond, which is currently being dredged, which attracts local anglers and is also home to various species of wildlife, such as the blue heron above. **NOTE: Due to the Coronavirus crisis, all playscapes in Hartford parks are closed and recreational activities involving more than five people are prohibited.**

Businesses Still Open In Hartford’s South End During The Coronavirus Crisis (continued)

empty cans and bottles.

Franklin Package Store
402 Franklin Ave, (860) 296-2782. Open Mon-Sat, 12 pm - 8 pm, 12 pm - 6 pm.

Jimmie’s Package Store
473 Franklin Ave, (860) 296-0575. Open Mon-Thu, 9 am - 8 pm, Fri & Sat, 9 am - 9 pm. Sun, 10 am - 6 pm.

Maple Ave Liquors & Wines
871 Maple Ave, (860) 956-9777. Open Mon-Thu, 10 am - 8 pm, Fri & Sat, 10 am - 9 pm, Sun, 10 am - 6 pm.

South End Liquors
196 Maple Avenue, (860) 310-2277. Open Mon-Thu, 11 am - 9 pm, Fri & Sat, 11 am - 10 pm, Sun 11 am - 6 pm.

Pharmacies

CVS Pharmacy
690 Wethersfield Ave, (860) 296-1155. Store open Mon through Fri 7 am - 8 pm, Sat & Sun, 8 am - 8 pm. Pharmacy Hours: Mon - Fri- 9 am - 8 pm, Sat, 9 am - 6 pm, Sun, 10 am - 6 pm.

CVS Pharmacy
908 Maple Ave, (860) 956-7107. Limit of 45 people in store. Store: Mon-Fri, 7 am - 9 pm, Sat & Sun, 8 am - 8 pm. Pharmacy: Mon-Fri, 8 am - 9 pm, Sat, 9 am - 6 pm, Sun. 10 am - 6 pm. Free prescription delivery available, call 860-956-7107.

Health Care Pharmacy
740 Maple Ave, (860) 904-5010 M-F 9am-6pm, Sat 9am-1pm. Call ahead for curbside pick-up.

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Walgreens
315 Franklin Ave, (860) 296-3478. Open Mon, 9am – 9pm, Tue, 8am – 9pm, Wed - Fri, 9am – 9pm, Sat - Sun, 9am – 6pm

Plumbing

Kennedy’s Plumbing & Heating
624 Wethersfield Ave, (860) 296-4867. M-F emergency calls only.

Tony Marzano Plumbing & Heating, LLC
522 Franklin Ave, (860) 296-9624. Call for appointment.

Ugo DiGrazia AC & Heating
436 Franklin Ave, (860) 296-1281. Call for appointment.

Restaurants

Allegro Cafe
347 Franklin Ave, (860) 296-8139. Open Mon-Sat, 5:30 am -2 pm. Breakfast & lunch, take-out & delivery.

China House
344 Franklin Ave, (860) 296-1393. Open Sun - Thu, 12 pm - 12 am, Fri & Sat, 12 pm - 1 am. Take-out & delivery.

Corner Grinder Ranch House
200 Franklin Ave, (860) 296-0590. Temporarily closed.

Domino’s Pizza
738 Maple Ave, (860) 548-0050. Fri & Sat 10am-1:20, Sun -Th 10am-12:30am. Take-out & delivery. https://www.dominos.com/

Dunkin’
754 Maple Ave, (860) 524-8861. Take-out only. Open 7 days, 5am -8pm 7pm

El Bajio Mexican Restaurant
289 Franklin Ave, (860) 296-2695. Open 7 days, 11 am - 8 pm. Take-out only.

El Senor De Los Tamales
262 Franklin Ave, (860) 904-9628. Mon-

Fri, 7:30 am - 2 pm, Sat & Sun, 7:30 am - 4 pm. Take-out & delivery.

El Trigal del Peru
686 Maple Ave, (860) 246-0605. Take-out only. 6am-4pm

Fat Franks Pizza
481 Wethersfield Ave, (860) 296-3111. Sun-Wed 11am-10pm. Thurs-Sat 11am - 12am. Take-out and delivery only. https://www.grubhub.com/

First and Last
939 Maple Ave, (860) 956-6000. Th-Sun 2pm-8pm. Take-out only. places.singleplattform.com

Franklin Giant Grinder Shop
464 Franklin Ave, (860) 296-6574. Grinders & pizza. Mon-Sat, 11 am - 6:45 pm, Sun, 11 am - 5:45 pm. Take-out only. Call ahead.

Fung Chinese Restaurant
891 Maple Ave, (860) 956-6888. Tue-Thur; 11 am - 10:30 pm, Fri & Sat, 11 am - 11:30 pm, Sun, 12 - 10:30 pm. Closed Monday. Take-out & delivery.

Hartford’s Pizza
161 Franklin Ave, (860) 206-1738. Temporarily closed, go to myhartfordspizza.com/ for updates.

La Fonda Bar Restaurant
269 Franklin Ave, (860) 296-8256. Colombian cuisine. Open 7 days, 12 - 7 pm. Take out & delivery.

NY - NY Pizza Restaurant
547 Franklin Ave, (860) 296-1177. Open Mon-Sat, 11 am - 10:30 pm, Sun, 11 am - 9:30 pm. Take-out & delivery.

Paradise Restaurant Bar & Grille
381 Franklin Ave, (860) 904-5112. Open Tue-Sat, for take out only, 1 - 8 pm. View menu online at ww.paradiseonfranklin.com and call to place your order.

Parrilla y Sabores
342 Franklin Ave, (860) 296-7276. Open 7 day, 10 am - 10 pm. Take-out only. Only one

person at a time allowed inside.

Peru Rico Restaurant
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Good Job Hartford!

After I finished reading last Friday’s *Hartford Courant* editorial, “Take Social Distancing Seriously,” I sat back and felt a great deal of pride in how Hartford residents were handling this very challenging time.

I had heard about the problem in New Haven with parties and in South Windsor’s closing of its skate park. Yes, our playscapes have closed – but as a precaution! I have seen some people complain about “groups” congregating at a park, but when I looked at the pictures of these groups, the groups were easily identifiable as families. I have seen 2-3 youth shooting hoops; are they siblings, cousins? I take daily walks and I have visited Keney, Pope, Hyland, Bushnell, Colt and Goodwin Parks.

I do think that the rules around grocery stores was a challenge for everybody. Many of the bodegas do not have wide aisles, they had to respond to

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several edicts from the State that were quite demanding. But I have not seen marauding youth, no parties in the parks, no craziness. And to perfectly honest, when they announced the closure of schools, that is what I had envisioned. Could it be that Hartford is actually filled with ethical, law-abiding people? It appears so. This certainly debunks the perception by the burbs.

Why is that Hartford residents are taking social distancing so seriously? Well, maybe it is the somber lines of cars outside the testing tents at Hartford Hospital and St. Francis. They evoke memories of the TV show M*A*S*H. Nothing fun is happening in there. Or is it that many people who live in Hartford work in medical facilities and are constantly at risk and sharing this risk with their families? I wanted to give a shout-out to all of Hartford for doing such great job with social distancing.

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City Council to Hold Virtual Meetings During Pandemic

As of April 13th, the public can watch the Hartford City Council meetings on the Hartford Public Access TV (HPATV) website live, or on the Public Access Channel. The video recording of the meeting will be uploaded to YouTube after the meeting. Residents will not need to download any software to view the meetings. If you haven’t watched the meetings via cable tv, you can watch it on either, Frontier Vantage Cable TV channels (In Hartford, the GOV channel is 6032) or on Comcast Xfinity in Hartford (only), the GOV channel is 96. The HPATV world-wide access live streaming link online is www.hpatv.org/government-channel-96/.

Residents who wish to make a public comment need to sign up via email. You can reach out to either Haylee.Green-Ortiz@hartford.gov, 860-757-9567 or siedah.lee@hartford.gov, 860-757-9569 by email or phone. You can sign up until 5:00 pm on that Monday. As a precautionary measure, in case there

technical issues, City Council is requesting written testimony from those who wish to provide public comment. It can be sent to either Ms. Green-Ortiz or Ms. Lee. Those who request to speak will be given the conference call information. Prior to the meeting, at 5:45 pm, those who asked to speak will receive a call into the conference call line to be given instructions. The conference call information will only be given to people who sign up to speak. Everyone who signed up for public comment should be on the conference call by 5:45 pm. Once public comment begins , the council president will call on individuals on the conference call to make their statements. The public can watch the public comment sessions on the HPATV website or via the TV channels. These will also be uploaded to YouTube after the meeting.

Please be patient; this is all new to everyone. The city has been conducting testing and tweaking the process over the past few weeks.

Distance Learning Update

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We have distributed 8,023 devices and placed an order for additional chrome books on March 31st.

We submitted the application for a laptop donation from The Partnership for CT. If approved, we will receive about 4,900 devices for high school students in May.

About 300 iPads were received on April 3 from an anonymous donor. We will focus on distributing the iPads to students who benefit most from utilizing a touch screen, such as our younger learners and special education students.

Last Thursday, we began distributing available devices by appointment based on the family technology survey and targeted outreach. We are utilizing HPHS as the primary distribution center.

75% of our K-12 students are engaged and active in Google Classrooms.

Despite these challenges, some parents and teachers have shared with the Hartford News their—and their students’—experiences so far with learning from home. Some excerpts follow.

“My son is currently in 2nd grade and we went into this school year as our ‘make it our break it’ year for public education. We had pretty much decided that we would be homeschooling next year when COVID-19 hit. I was uncomfortable with the lack of good information around COVID so I kept him home from school on Thursday March 12th; that evening we got the call that someone in the school had developed symptoms and the school would be closed the next day. It’s been two weeks and I am happily teaching ‘old’ math (we carry the one!) and encouraging my son to think of questions for the people we love who we can’t see right now so that he can write them

letters. We’re also practicing cursive handwriting and taking the advice of our many homeschooling friends and not focusing any more than two hours per day on formal education. I had pretty much forgotten that the Hartford BOE was offering remote learning when I received an email from his teacher yesterday reminding us that online education was available. So we attempted to sign in. Guess what? Yup, it didn’t work.

If I had faith in the Hartford school system I would probably be upset that the online education they’re providing us is currently inaccessible, but I don’t so I’m not. He’s missing his friends and I’m allowing him to ‘socialize’ on social media in order to maintain connections and I’m fascinated by how these children connect without (what I define as) actual connections. I know that we are in a much more comfortable position than many Hartford families, but aside from not being as productive as I can be when I don’t have my child with me all day, I’m enjoying this family time.

In light of WHY the kids are out of school, I hope many families are able to relax a bit on the academics and focus on the social and emotional needs of their children.”

A Hartford upper elementary school teacher had this to say: “The Covid-19 Pandemic has made this year one that I will never forget. Generally, I really hope that this distance learning is what’s best for our students. This is a scary time for everyone and there is a lot of uncertainty for adults and for students. The people creating lessons and mandates are, in my opinion, out of touch with our students- especially as a whole. Academically they’re saying and doing the right things, but they seem to have forgotten that our children are people. They are overwhelmed and stressed and frightened. How many students in Hartford have family members that are infected, or whose parents aren’t working, or maybe they are still working but they’re not home? Schools in Hartford provide much more than an education for students. What is rarely said is how much teachers do that falls beyond the scope of education. Teachers are fundamentally problem solvers and we like to help in whatever way we can. Learning something new in 5 days before it’s rolled out is a lot to expect from anyone. I was/am not prepared or qualified to trou-

bleshoot, or problem solve technological questions. Also, it is very difficult to get students to engage in lessons that the teachers did not create themselves. Students are going through the motions and aren’t really dedicated to a self-guided education, especially at the elementary level. My communication has been more with parents and guardians, than it has with my students. I am not qualified to teach adults. Getting Chromebooks was another issue. Students have families that are working and unable to go to the distribution centers to pick up the Chromebook. Not having one yet or getting one a week later does put them a little behind, and they will have make up work, especially in the upper grades. Also, giving students a Chromebook is not handing them an education, it’s handing students a tool. Some students are supported by parents that are able to help with learning, and some students have parents that, although they’d like to, aren’t home or able to help. Teachers have no control over how students are completing their assignments. Teachers can assign assignments; however there are very few incentives teachers can offer to students, especially in the lower grades where student motivation is very extrinsic. We won’t truly understand how this affects students until next year and moving forward. This is not an easy task for anyone.”

Finally, the mother of a high school freshman had an interesting take on how distance learning might actually be preferable for some students.

“It felt weird for him at first, but then he sprung right into action. The first week he completed a week’s worth of work in 2 days. He saw that it didn’t take 8 hours of his day to get the information he needed, to do the work and do what he loves. It’s a routine that I don’t need to check in on every day. This is something I’ve always wanted. I’m not worried about the fights at his school any more. Kids won’t be bored with unnecessary spreading out of time, and they all get to learn at their own pace and set their own schedule. He’s also been getting more sleep; our teens need 10-12 hours a day. I think this is the best way to go. Public schools aren’t working any more. The only thing I don’t see is the teacher-student interaction live, just pre-recorded videos.”

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Looking for Something New To Do This Week? Here Are Some Ideas...

Virtual Fun

The City of Hartford Recreation Division is offering virtual programming via Instagram and Facebook at @hartford_recreation. Fun for all ages offerings will feature Arts and Crafts (make slime, magic sand, stress balls, and more), and Kids ‘R Cooking will offer up some yummy recipes for kids to make. The next one looks fabulous: “Spa-Arroyo at home!” will have “recipes” for DIY face-masks, lip gloss, etc. Lastly, there will be science experiments that you can do at home. Check them out this coming week!

Keney Park Sustainability Project

The Keney Park Sustainability Project is open during this critical time. The start of its growing season has been delayed but staff are hard at work planting. Many vegetables are in the ground already or started in the greenhouse. Project leaders are looking forward to harvesting spinach, swiss chard, garlic, lettuce, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant & more. Follow the project on Instagram & Facebook for ideas to energize and nurture your soul while you stay safe and healthy at home. The project will also be posting fun ideas for families all month long, like Rashida Jones read-

ing *Please, Please the Bees*. There's even an activity guide for parents!

Cedar Hill



Wild turkey in Cedar Hill Cemetery

Looking for a new place to go for a walk? When was the last time you went to Cedar Hill Cemetery? What? You’ve never been?! Open from dawn to dusk. Cedar Hill serves as a sanctuary for people as well as for memorial artworks, Hartford history, wildlife, and visitors who come to remember loved ones as well as tour the grounds. It truly is a hidden gem, Go to their website

and download the Visitor’s Guide to organize your walk. <http://www.cedarhillcemetery.org/>

Virtual Spring Break Road Trip

Nyesha McCauley has organized a spring break virtual road trip. Many schools will still have spring break next week, April 13-17. In her family spring break meant travel to see somewhere new, a chance to explore. While we can’t do that physically this year, thanks to tech we can do it virtually. You too, can go on virtual trip around the U.S. during spring break. To prepare for the journey, she’s asking kids to find a major or minor attraction in each state to explore during spring break using Google Earth. You can post and share what you discover on her Facebook group. Sound like fun? Join her! This week, have your child identify the 50 states and do a little research. Where should you go visit in each state during spring break? And during the week of spring break, plan your trips by using Google Earth to navigate to each location and explore. What will you see? Don’t forget to share in the group about what you discover about each state, each location. To join in the fun, go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/672775080124096>

HPL to offer daily online programs with local flavor

Hartford Public Library brings its innovative and exciting adult programming, featuring local presenters, online! Every day starting next week, HPL will present videos on its Facebook page and YouTube channel to enlighten and inform you.

Mondays: Letter Style with Lindaluz Carrillo

Join Hartford artist Lindaluz Carrillo for a letter style workshop where we will learn how to draw the alphabet in a unique style. All you need is a pencil, paper and markers, and a ruler is optional. Click here for the workshop!

Tuesdays: Hartford's L.I.T. Reading

Listen to a reading from a member of Hartford’s L.I.T. (Literary Integrated Trailblazers), a group of local authors, artists, and entrepreneurs whose mission is to establish presence and awareness of Greater Hartford’s local authors, diverse artists and entrepreneurs to revitalize literary arts and communication.

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El Informativo Latino

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número puede ser bajo debido a que las víctimas no informan por preocupaciones sobre su seguridad.

La ciudad ahora tiene un nuevo sitio web de información sobre coronavirus disponible para que los residentes reciban la información más reciente: <https://coronavirus.hartford.gov/Hartford> está proporcionando nuevos recursos para los residentes preocupados por las violaciones de distanciamiento social y los planes para hacer cumplir cualquier violación.

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Politically Speaking

A Fresh Look at Issues
Facing our Region & State

BY MIKE MCGARRY

Hartford Blooms is Contagious!

The Hartford Blooms tours scheduled for late May will be rescheduled for later in the year – watch for the dates.

However, the main goal of Hartford Blooms over the last decade has been to encourage landscape improvements throughout the city of Hartford.

Small step by small step, Hartford Blooms will spread plantings and flowering spots around the city. So far, we have spread the bloom to several homes with elderly residents, two restaurants, a whole street (Columbia, coming soon), the Cathedral of Saint Joseph (see photo) and a community garden. There are still lots of spots to come, and that's where you come in, long-suffering readers.

Hartford Blooms can get seasonal flowers at wholesale prices. With limited requests, such sav-

MikeM1944@aol.com and we'll see what we can do together.

As many might know, the concept of Hartford Blooms started with a trip to Ireland in 1994. Bussing around Ireland, members of Hartford City Council and Mayor Mike Peters were amazed at the beauty of the landscape and the tidy gardens in front of very modest homes. Out of that trip came the idea of decorating the city with pots of flowers from KNOX, Inc. and neighborhood-wide plantings (Ashley Street, for example).

Then came a trip to Buffalo, NY, where front yard gardens have multiplied into a huge garden festival/walk that has become well-known all over the world. Hartford Blooms Garden Tours evolved from that trip.

Modest funding from the Richard C. Garmany fund at the



ings can be passed on to homeowners and cooperating businesses.

Those who have their own transportation and the energy are urged to go to the Regional Market at 101 Reserve Road in Hartford's South Meadows, early on Saturday mornings. If you lack the energy and/or the transportation, just drop a note to Hartford Blooms, 140 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105 or email

Hartford Foundation for Public Giving allows for inexpensive landscape-oriented tours around the city, a spring tour, a fall foliage tour and, some years, a holiday tour (hopefully this year).

This year, with the spring a victim of the Coronavirus crisis, the schedule will change; watch for details. Check HartfordBlooms.dgn, or drop a note to the above address to express interest. And finally, yes, donations are accepted.

Things To Do This Weekend

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Wednesdays: Family Fit Time with Anne Marie Williams "Jedda"

Tune into Family Fit Time with Jedda! It will be an exploration of movement through Tai Chi postures which connects to animals and nature; while incorporating breathing techniques, visualization, stretching, calisthenics and guided meditation leading us towards an inner mindfulness of fitness that encourages self care. Comfortable clothes required.

Thursdays: Seed Starting with Sarah Rose

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Fridays: Conga! with Ed Fast

Join local musician Ed Fast for an introduction to Afro-Cuban percussion with a focus on the conga drum, or "tumbadora". Topics addressed include drum construction/material, sizes, names, tone production, rhythmic pattern or "grooves". Also included is a section on obtaining and practicing on your own practice conga.

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